Guide to the OJ23 Orokaiva File

[Orokaiva is a name applied to a group of Binandele speaking tribes occupying the major part of the Northern Division of Papua, eastern New Guinea. The group includes the Wasida (Jegase Sarahu), Aiga, Binandele, Yega, Sauaha, Sangara, Dirou, Tain Daware, and Hunjara.

The file is composed of four sources. The major sources are, 1, and 2: Williams. 1: Williams is a general description of Orokaiva society including material culture, arts, social organization, warfare and various other aspects of the culture. 2: Williams treats Orokaiva religion and magical practices. 3: Reay is a discussion of social control and 4: Chinnery & Haddon covers the formation of new religious cults among the Orokaiva and other Papuan tribes. Most aspects of Orokaiva life are covered although not always in as much detail as could be desired. --Analyst]

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